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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage of an international application as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)). Consequently, no fee is due.

Applicant submits herewith copies of the foreign patent publications and other documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 (modified) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In regard to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), as to German Published Application No. DE 199 23 697, German Utility Model No. DE 200 22 852, and Japanese Published Application No. JP 59-180713, a concise explanation of the relevance of these publications was incorporated into applicants' specification at page 2. It is reproduced herein for the examiner's convenience:

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Many different solutions for adjusting a pedal to a driver are described in the prior art. DE 199 23 697 A1 and DE 200 22 852 U1, for example, describe adjustable pedals which can be adjusted by the adjustment of the pedal to the respective driver. Therein, the lever arm of the pedal is extended in that the pedal is extended diagonally downwards in the direction towards the driver. From these solutions it is obvious that the lever ratios change drastically after adjustment. In the adjustment for small drivers, the pedal has a long lever so that it has to be actuated with a long actuation way and correspondingly small force.

Other pedals with a variable lever ratio are described in the US 3,646,830 or the JP 59 180 713 A wherein the lever ratio changes during the stroke of the pedal. In these documents the lever ratio becomes larger while increasing the actuation, that means the stroke of the pedal.

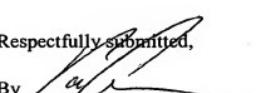
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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30607/41158. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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3683**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
/CK/	3,646,830	03/07/1972	Shrock			
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/CK/	FR 2 739 947	04/18/1997	France	abst.	
/CK/	DE 199 23 697	11/23/2000	Germany	see IDS	
/CK/	DE 200 22 852	05/23/2002	Germany	see IDS	
/CK/	JP 59-180713	10/13/1984	Japan	see IDS	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

/CK/	International Search Report, counterpart PCT application.
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